

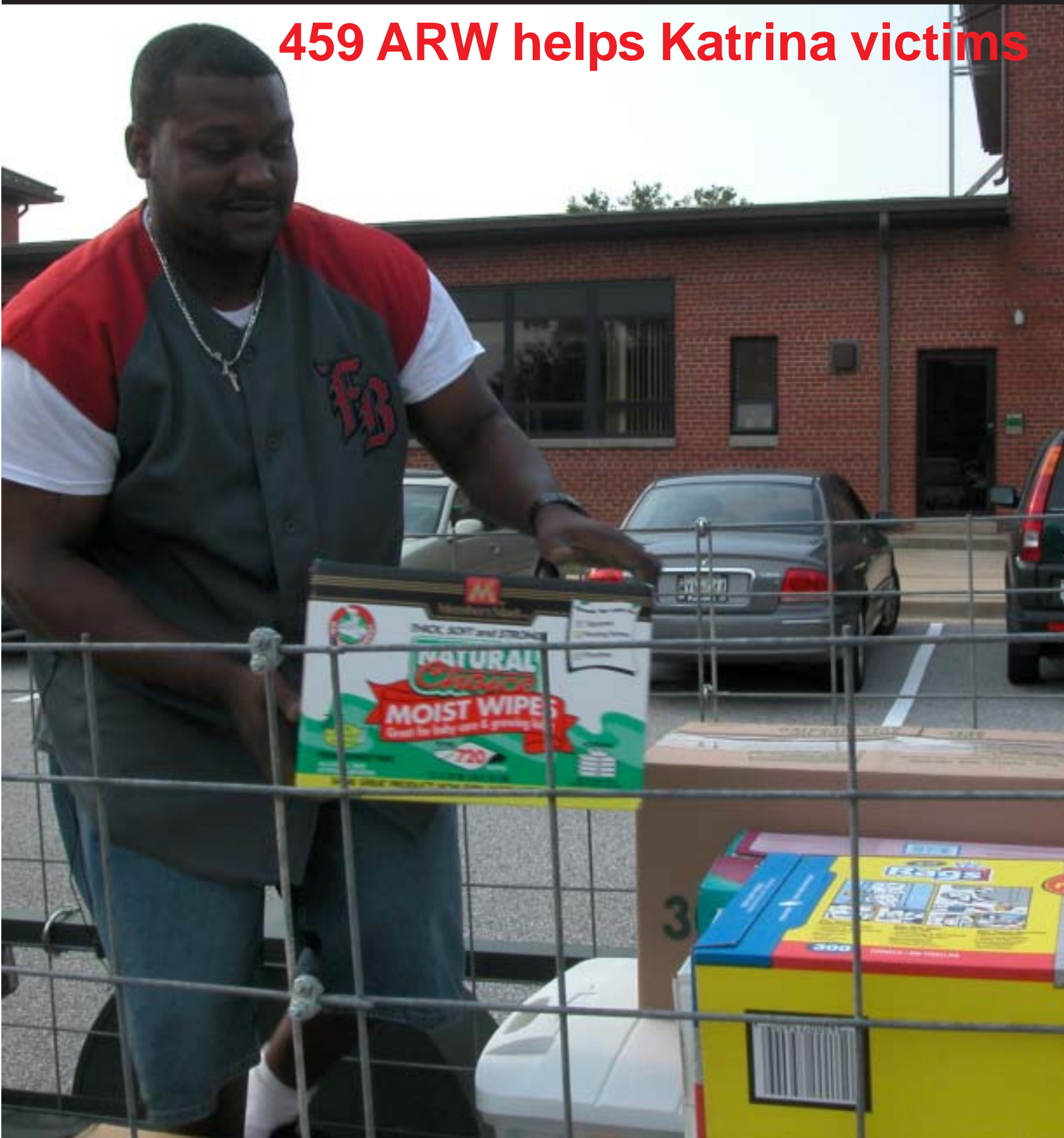
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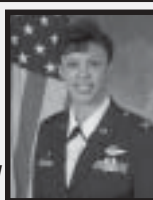
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Commander shares her vision

Commander's Corner

Col. Stayce D. Harris
Commander
459th Air Refueling Wing



Recruit, Train, Equip, Challenge, Mentor and Reward the Men and Women of the 459th Air Refueling Wing to be Air Force Reserve Command's #1 Wing to provide safe sustained "Outstanding" service to ourselves, our communities and our Nation.

Timeline:

By Oct 2006- Every Group/Squadron/Flight has their operational processes perfected to allow us to accomplish our mission cohesively as one Team. "Every Great Organization has One Heartbeat"

By Oct 2007 and beyond – AFRC's #1 Wing for taking care of its people and mission "Anytime, Anywhere."

How we accomplish our vision: We Communicate, Coach, Care and Cooperate.

- Open communication is the key. We must continually communicate and share our ideas, needs, concerns and solutions with each other. Communicate and "Bring Solutions to the Table!!"

- In coaching, we are teaching, guiding and giving each other a sense of direction.

- Care and take ownership of your organization, the people, the processes and the mission. We give our all to tasks in which we believe and care about.

- Cooperate with each other. Build and nurture relationships within your own unit, with partnering units throughout the wing, our Team Andrews partners (89th AW/Active Duty, 113th Wing/Air National Guard, Navy, etc.) and other AFRC wings.

The Vision expanded

Recruit:

Give outstanding guidance to our recruiters on the Air Force Specialty Codes and skill sets you require in your organization. Actively seek out potential members to become part of the 459th family.

Train:

- Your AFSCs are critical skills that must be learned in order to accomplish our mission.

- Ancillary Training (self aid and buddy care, weapons training, chemical warfare, etc.) assure our ability to survive and protect ourselves while accomplishing our mission.

- Professional development and education teaches us our doctrine, history and how to better serve as airmen in the Air Force.

- Custom and courtesies are expected at all times. We are professionals always!

- Being medically and physically, "Fit to Fight" ensures we are a healthy fighting force.

Equip:

We are constantly improving our facilities, acquiring equipment and professional gear to help you accomplish your mission.

Continue to let us know what you need.

Challenge:

We will challenge you through internal wing, Team Andrews and external wing exercises and competitions to refine our combat ready skills.

Mentor:

- Want to be mentored? Exhibit the qualities of someone we all want to mentor. Be proactive, enthusiastic and a team player. Remember mentoring works up and down rank structures.

- Mentors remember the youth of our wing are our future! Communicate, Coach, Care and Cooperate with them. Groom them to become the future leaders (enlisted and officer) in this wing.

- The Workplace Improvement Team and Human Resources Development Council will provide solutions ensuring every contributing member of our wing has the tools for success necessary to be rewarded for the outstanding work they do for the wing and our nation.

Reward:

- Take PRIDE!! (Praise and Recognition In Documenting Excellence)

- Supervisors ensure EPRs/OPRs are well written and completed on time.

- Supervisors recognize your personnel with the appropriate awards and decorations and celebrate their achievements.

- Wing members provide your supervisors feedback on your accomplishments and contributions. We are a multi-talented gifted wing where everyone brings "Fuel to the Fight." I encourage you to benchmark off of our fellow squadrons/flights successes, other wings and your civilian practices to produce outstanding results. I truly believe an "OUTSTANDING" rating is in our future when we have our ORI in 2007! **"Combat Ready, Fuel to the Fight, Anytime, Anywhere"**

Mass enlistment on mall



Eight new recruits for the 459th Air Refueling Wing raise their right hands to take the Oath of Enlistment administered by Col. Stayce Harris, 459 ARW commander. These Airmen participated in Air Force Reserve Command's Coast to Coast Mass Enlistment, instead of taking the oath individually. The Mass Enlistment took place during the first seven days of October as an effort to jump start the recruiting year. All AFRC units were encouraged to participate. AFRC recruiting has, for the fifth consecutive year, met or exceeded its recruiting goals, a record not achieved by any other service.

On the cover



Tech. Sgt. David Wesley, 459 OSF, drove 18 hours to Baton Rouge, La., shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast to deliver supplies donated by 459 ARW members to his church, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church. He also donated baby clothes and supplies to the Islamic Shelter after hearing that they were not getting any help. (Photo by Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell).

ART Spotlight

Job Title:

*NCOIC of Civil Engineering/
Fire Department*

Duties:

Maintain unit administration.

**Length of employment with the
459th ARW:** *3 months*

Personal Hobbies:

*Thrill junkie – Jet ski,
Para-Sail, Bungee Jump,
Snow Board, Water Ski,
Surf, Motorcycle, Scuba,
River Raft, etc...*



Tech Sgt. George W. Bates Jr.

**If you could cure one
disease, what would it
be and why?**

Cancer – I lost my best friend and mentor, my mother, to the deadly virus. An infection of liver, lung and breast cancer coupled with a five year battle with chemotherapy, extinguished the brightest light I have ever known. While my loss seems hardest for me to swallow I have met many others who have shared a similar loss and carry just as heavy a burden. The numbers of cancer patients and lost lives are unspoken in comparison to HIV. I wonder, if you could get HIV from smoking, would we still sell cigarettes?

Wing members bring relief to



Master Sgt. Jennifer Hutcherson, NCOIC family support office, briefs thirteen security forces members prior to departing for New Orleans. The 459 SFS took a flight on a C-130 to Louis Armstrong International Airport, La., to provide security support for the Katrina relief effort in New Orleans. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tim Smith).

By Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell Wing Public Affairs

Some members of the 459th Air Refueling Wing were affected by Hurricane Katrina in ways they were not prepared for. Some wing members had family members and friends who had lost everything while other members of the wing didn't know anyone in the affected areas.

Regardless though whether or not our members had family and friends in the area of devastation, most members held out a helping hand. "Our volunteer efforts assisting our Gulf Coast neighbors affected by Hurricane Katrina has been astounding and there are still more opportunities to

serve," said Col. Stayce Harris, 459 ARW Commander.

The 459th Maintenance Group donated more than \$200 to the Red Cross raised through sub sandwich sales the week of the disaster while the family support office sponsored "Kids for Katrina," a volunteer effort led by Master Sgt. Jennifer Hutcherson, family support NCOIC, to donate shoeboxes filled with items that children sheltered here in D.C. would enjoy.

The 459 ARW has also made fast friends and built a relationship with the Armed Forces Retirement Home that is now housing more than 400 displaced veterans from the Gulf Coast region.

Some members had more personal ties to

the affected area such as, Tech. Sgt. David Wesley, life support NCOIC, 459th Operations Support Flight. He loaded supplies donated by members of the 459 ARW two days after the storm hit and drove them down to his family in Baton Rouge, La.

Much needed supplies included diapers, baby formula, batteries, dog food, cleaning supplies, water, crackers, and many other items.

Maj. William Short, chief operations plans, 459 OSF, traveled to the affected area to help his family members in need.

Eventually, the unit was tasked to send security forces and medical technicians to New Orleans. Thirteen members from the 459th Security Forces Squadron volunteered

to Hurricane Katrina victims



(left photo) Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Greg Havrilak visits with Hurricane Katrina displaced veterans during their lunch break at the Armed Forces Retirement Center, Washington, D.C. The chaplain and Master Sgt. Jennifer Hutcherson, NCOIC family support office, makes weekly scheduled visits to the retirement home to drop off donated items. (Courtesy photo).

(bottom photo) A senior airman from 459 SFS, loads bullets into a magazine cartridge prior to departing for New Orleans to augment the National Guard troops. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tim Smith).



(bottom photo) Ms. Darlene Barnes, 459 CF, visits with a veteran who was moved up to the Armed Forces Retirement Center, Washington, D.C., after Hurricane Katrina tore through the Gulf Coast. (Courtesy photo).



**ew Orleans.
relief effort**

to go to New Orleans to work with the Army National Guard for 40 days while fifteen members from the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron were tasked to go to New Orleans.

Mission Support Group provides yearly planning schedule



The 459th Training Execution Team meets monthly to discuss the unit training assembly schedule and deadlines each month; to make decisions on holding or cancelling meetings and to plan for future exercises and training needs. The TET is made up of representatives from each Group. These key members bring their ideas and expertise to the table to develop training plans and to make each unit training assembly run effectively and efficiently.

This year it was the idea of the TET to publish a yearly schedule in the Boomer that outlines the time and months of particular

training and meetings, to include, fit to fight scheduling, shot schedules and mask fit testing times. In some cases, meetings and training may be cancelled, however appropriate notice will be given to inform members of the cancellation and reschedule time and date. Pages eight and nine are meant to be taken out of the Boomer and hung up in your work area to provide a visual guide of the scheduled meetings and training requirements. If you have any questions regarding the content of the FY06 Annual Training Plan, contact the appropriate office or persons holding the meeting or training.

UTA Lodging Reservations Deadline Dates

The 459 ARW Lodging Reservation System (866-379-6323 or 240-857-1111) is used for the primary UTA dates only.

For rescheduled UTAs, members must contact the Gateway Inn at (301) 981-9668 to make reservations as early as possible.

If performing active duty days in conjunction with the primary UTA, reserve the primary UTA dates by calling the lodging reservation system to reserve the UTA dates and then contact the Gateway Inn to reserve the active duty or annual tour days.

When you talk to the Gateway Inn, tell them you are requesting a "straddle stay" so they can try to keep your reservation at the same hotel for the entire period of your stay.

MONTH	PRIMARY UTA DATE	YEAR	RESERVATION DEADLINE DATE
Oct.	22-23	2005	Oct. 6
Nov.	19-20	2005	Nov. 3
Dec.	17-18	2005	Dec. 1
Jan.	28-29	2006	Jan. 12
Feb.	25-26	2006	Feb. 9
Mar.	25-26	2006	Mar. 9
Apr.	29-30	2006	Apr. 13
May	13-14	2006	Apr. 28
June	24-25	2006	June 8
July	29-30	2006	July 13
Aug.	26-27	2006	Aug. 10
Sept.	23-24	2006	Sept. 7

Fit to Fight Testing Calendar

OCT UTA Sat: 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sun: 6:30-8:30 a.m.	NOV UTA Sat: 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sun: 6:30-8:30 a.m.	DEC UTA Sat: 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sat: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sun: 6:30-8a:30 a.m.
JAN UTA Sat: 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sat: 1:30-3:30 Sun: 6:30-8:30 a.m.	FEB UTA Sat: 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sat: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sun: 6:30-8a:30 a.m.	MAR UTA Sat: 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sun: 6:30-8:30 a.m.
APR UTA Sat: 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sun: 6:30-8:30 a.m.	MAY UTA Sat: 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sun: 6:30-8:30 a.m.	JUN UTA Sat: 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sat: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sun: 6:30-8a:30 a.m.

RCPHA Schedule

Birth Month:	RCPHA done in:
Jan.	Aug.
Feb.	Sept.
Mar.	Oct.
Apr.	Nov.
May	Dec.
June	Jan.
July	Feb.
Aug.	Mar.
Sept.	Apr.
Oct.	May
Nov.	June
Dec.	July

Reservist dreams of flexing her 'muscles'

By Capt. Nikki Credic
Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Sharity Moses of the 459th Command Post dreams of competing. Now, she doesn't want to run a marathon or beat tennis star Serena Williams. She just wants to flex—her muscles. Moses wants to become a professional bodybuilder.

"I'm really just starting, in the sense of body building," said the command post controller. "I'm trying to condition myself. So you could say I'm a beginner."

Even though she considers herself a beginner, she's been actively working out for five years.

"My typical workout is for about an hour to an hour and a half," she explained. "Each day a different body part is worked, and I do cardio three out of the five days."

She admits her beginners' mentality is more evident in her eating habits.

"Right now I don't have a special diet, but I'm working on it," she said. "I'm trying to get myself on a set eating schedule and plan, because right now I eat all day, and unhealthy."

Moses is not only working on her diet, she is also looking for a personal trainer.

"At each base I've been stationed on, I've had a personal trainer. Right now I'm looking for one where I currently work so I can get back on my regular schedule," she said.

Moses realizes that her physical capabilities are not the only assets for success in this sport. She has to be mentally strong as well.

"When I first started working out really hard like three years ago, I was gaining a lot of muscle and weight. My neck was starting to spread and my shoulders were getting bulk," Moses said. "I got a lot of stares and a few comments about my sexuality, which was enough to make me stop."

"This is a male dominated sport, and there are many stereotypes about women who compete in bodybuilding," she explained. "Most people think that women bodybuild-

ers are manly, when that is not the case. There are plenty of women that look and act very feminine when not training.

"I'm now a little more mature and I know that I can still carry the muscle and be feminine at the same time," she said.

Has Moses had her chance on the big stage yet to flex her muscles?

"No, I haven't. I'm still working on getting

into competitions," she explained. "So most of the time, I'm reading up on the most recent events in bodybuilding. Yes, I buy the muscle magazines." One day, Moses may open up one of those 'muscle' magazines and see her picture. And it will all stem from a dream. "It is hard work and it takes a lot of determination," she said. "You have to want it." Moses wants it.



Staff Sgt. Sharity Moses reads articles about bodybuilding sport events to gain helpful information to help her reach her personal goals. (Photo by Capt. Nikki Credic).

FY06 Annual

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
ANNUAL	AEF	ReadinessDay SUNDAY/ Block Training				ReadinessDay SUNDAY/ Block Training	
ORI	Train the Trainer (EET/ATSO teams)	Train the Trainer (EET/ATSO teams)	PAR/Split MOPP/UCC Training	Shelter Mgmt/ Shelter in Place Trng/CCA/ WOC training	Hardening/ Dispersal/Cont Avoidance/ SRC Training	ReadinessDay/ Block Training	Shelter Mgmt/ Shelter in Place T WOC

Satu

	0630-0700	Fit to Fight					No Firing		
	0700-0730								
	0730-0800								
	0800-0830		Shots Physicals Lab work Dental Exams						
	0830-0900								
	0900-0930					Mask Fit Test			
	0930-1000								
	1000-1030								
	1030-1100								
	1100-1130								
	1130-1200								
	1200-1230								
	1230-1300								
	1300-1330				Mask Fit Test	Fit to			
	1330-1400								
	1400-1430			Profiles,Fit to Fight, Evals					
	1430-1500								
1500-1530									
1530-1600									

Sun

		OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
	0630-0700	Fit to Fight						
	0700-0730					Mask Fit Test	No Firing	
	0730-0800			Wing CC Contact Meetings				
	0800-0830				NBC Refresher Trng CBT must be done in advance			
	0830-0900							
	0900-0930	Worship Service						
	0930-1000							
	1000-1030							
	1030-1100							
	1100-1130							
	1130-1200							
	1200-1230							
	1230-1300							
	1300-1330	FSTR Rep Mtg Group/Unit reps			NBC Refresher Trng CBT must be done in advance		SO	
	1330-1400							
	1400-1430							
	1430-1500							
	1500-1530							
	1530-1600							

LEGEND

MONTHLY

QUARTERLY

VARIES

ORI RELATED

UNDERLINED
indicates
group/unit
monitor
attendance

PR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
	Rescheduled UTA for some units	Rescheduled UTA for some units ASEV for OPS/MXG		ReadinessDay/Block Training		Process/Fly Away?
er Mgmt/ter in rng/CCA/ training		CRTC fly away/MSG primary	PAR/Split MOPP/UCC Training		Hardening/ Dispersal/Cont Avoidance/ SRC Training	Tentative CRTC fly away

				Newcomers Orientation and Inprocessing		
		UDM Mtg				
		HRDC Mtg				
		Suicide Prevention Monitor Mtg				
Fight						
		EET Mtg/ORI Trng EET Team mbrs/ ORI Trainers/ Specialty Teams				

	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
			Health Monitor Mtg	EOC Testing	MEO/ Newcomers	
			Fitness Monitor Mtg	(See Unit Trng Mgr to schedule testing appointment).		
RTS					Newcomers Staff Briefings	

Making history every day

By Capt. Patrick Maloney
Wing Public Affairs

After being here a year, I have learned a lot. Coming from space and missile operations into the public affairs world is a definite paradigm shift. No longer was I expected to focus solely on “checklist discipline” and my responsibilities as a crew commander. Oh no, as a Public Affairs officer, I am expected to at least have a general idea of what people do, and are doing across the entire wing. So, in that spirit, I took it upon myself to get out there and ask people a simple question, “just what do you do all day?”

My first journey was not a long one, just to the office next door. However, it was one of the most eye opening discussions I’ve had in my time here. It was with Master Sgt. Keith Loney, 459th Air Refueling Wing Historian. I began by asking a simple question, “What do you do all day?”

Master Sgt. Loney is one of the busiest and hardest working Airmen on the wing staff, and he has a big job! In his words, he is “the organizational memory for the unit.” Not a surprising answer, but one that required some deeper probing. I soon learned that creating this organizational memory is not merely an exercise in academics. While there is certainly an academic component to it, it is really about enhancing the combat effectiveness of the wing. I can hear you asking, “How does history do that?” Let me explain.

The wing historian documents what really happens in the unit, the good, the bad and the ugly, and furnishes these reports to wing leadership. By going back and looking at these reports, planners draw upon the lessons learned and use them to improve processes and enhance combat effectiveness. If used properly, history reports can be extremely valuable tools.

For instance, if our wing was given a tasking to deploy to a region it hadn’t been in decades, a prudent planner could look at the

lessons learned from the last deployment to the region in question. These lessons learned could then be used to identify any shortfalls or limiting factors ahead of time. With this knowledge base, the wing planners would be able to see the problems ahead of time and mitigate their effects. This clearly shows that history is a force multiplier and a vital component of deliberate planning.

Because it can be such a powerful force multiplier and is absolutely critical to mission and deployment planning, only experienced non-commissioned officers need apply. While a history degree is not required,

soon as they are no longer needed for the mission at hand. Nothing should be held back. These documents become the basis of a robust research laboratory that can be utilized to great effect during the lessons learned review. Therefore, the historian should be thought of as a vital combat support asset in every sense of the word.

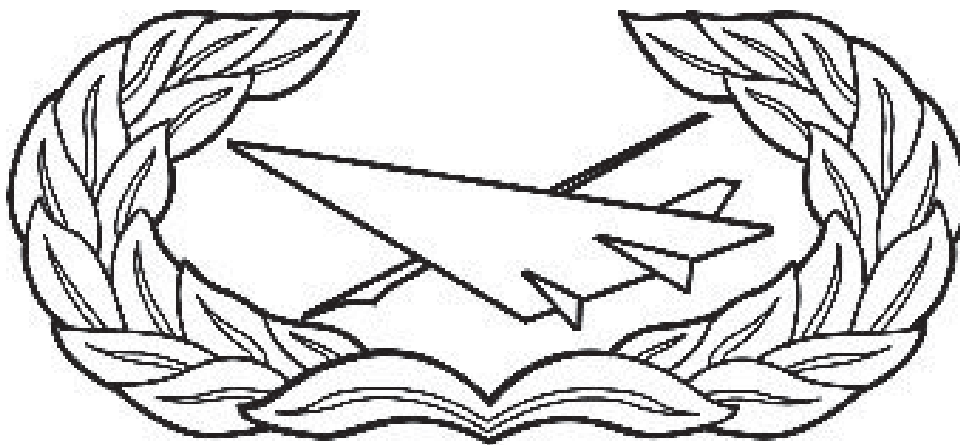
While combat support is the primary responsibility of the historian, there is another role that is equally important, combat enhancement. While this is not an official Air Force term, I use it to refer to all of those non-tangible things that make us better warriors.

For example, the chaplain helps to ensure the spiritual and emotional well-being of wing members, and family support is there to ensure deployed reservists have the comfort of knowing their family members left at home are well taken care of. In the same way, the historian

gives the unit a sense of pride, an extremely powerful motivating force.

The accomplishments and honors of a unit’s past should serve to motivate those assigned to a unit today. When times get tough, it helps to look back and say, “What would they have done? Would they be proud of what we are doing today?” That is why it is absolutely vital to record the deeds of our unit.

Those who came before us, especially the members of the 459th Bomb Group, didn’t believe they were doing any more or less than anyone else. They would just tell you they were just doing their jobs. While that may be true, Sergeant Loney would be quick to point out a very uplifting fact, “By doing your job, you are making history everyday.” That simple statement should be enough give us a deep sense of pride and motivate us to do our best to bring “Fuel to the Fight, any time any where.” Those who came before us expect nothing less.



applicants for this position must have attained at least a 5 skill level in their current Air Force Specialty Code. This is not an entry-level position, nor should it be.

The wing historian must be a skilled researcher and willing to give commanders the complete, unvarnished story. There is no room in this business for “spin masters.” For commanders to learn from the mistakes of the past, they must have all the facts. Historians cannot hold back, and only the truth will do. Conversely, commanders must seek out the historian and ask the tough questions in order to effectively utilize this prized resource.

Because the historian can be such a valuable player in the deliberate planning process, he or she needs to be as informed as possible. To ensure this, information must be passed from the units to the historian. Copies of everything from the monthly newspaper, to maintenance logs and air tasking orders should be given to the historian as

Command Post comes back to 459th

By 1st Lt. Tim Smith
Wing Public Affairs

The 459th command post has returned from the other side of the flightline after spending a little more than three years with the 89th Airlift Wing command post.

Chief Master Sgt. John Riccio, 459th command post, said coming back to the wing will improve their processes. "We're closer to the commanders. Access to the commanders is a major plus here ... especially when we have to run messages to them."

"The controller has his tools and the equipment he needs more so readily than at the 89th. They're self contained," said Master Sgt. Steve Hensley, 459th command post training manager.

The command post is command central for the wing. The reason for that are the requirements for what is considered reportable to higher headquarters, said Riccio.

While being on the other side did not keep them from getting the job done, it did slow down things a bit. "We really are more effective over here," said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pilant, command post controller. "When we

get a tasking and we have 20 minutes, we'd never meet the time."

"We're more interactive with crews here and more helpful to maintenance than at the 89th, especially the maintenance operations center, or when they're doing a transfer of an aircraft," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Newman, command post controller. "When we're away, it's harder to keep track of the situation."

The command post was co-located with the 89th under an agreement with the previous 459th wing commander and the previous 89th AW commander, to have one centralized operating center. That was during the days when the 459th flew C-141s. "That process would work, but we can't (now) because of the new mission," said Riccio.

Well, the 459th is now home, more specifically, home in the operations building. That building is currently under a renovation process which will give the command post and the controllers much more space to perform their tasks.

"We're going to have the space to accomplish the mission," said Riccio. "We could provide the space for the 89th with minimal

mission impact on us." The 459th command post is the 89th's alternate location, if necessary, and vice versa.

The 89th and 459th command posts did work very well together. "We would help with their calls," said Riccio. "We would help with their issues, their inbound traffic, and outbound traffic. We had a good working relationship, and we still do."

But sometimes the amount of business that the 89th received was a bit mounting.

"It's easier working here because of the volume of the volume of 89th traffic," said Riccio. "It's easier to control our assets. The radio traffic is considerably lower. We're better able to provide better service for our people over here."

And that is the command post's goal ... providing the best service possible. Newman said he was excited to move to the 89th and he's even more excited to be back here. "I feel like I'm a member of the 459th again."

If you need to get in touch with the command post, give command post a call at 240-857-5556.



(left to right) Staff Sgt.'s Andrew Newman, Nicholas Pilant and Michael Rizzo are three of the controllers who are at the heart-beat of the 459th command post. It's part of their daily routine to field calls and radio traffic in the command post.

Employer Appreciation Day slated for November

2005 EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, Nov. 20

Reservist's name, rank and unit:

Reservist's home address:

Reservist's daytime phone number:

Employer's name, title, phone number and email:

Employer's company/agency name and address:

Complimentary continental breakfast for reservist: YES _____ NO _____

Complimentary continental breakfast for employer: YES _____ NO _____

****DEADLINE TO TURN IN FORM IS OCT. 28.****

Please note: Reservists are invited to the continental breakfast. An opportunity to fly in a KC-135 will be offered to employers. Space is limited, so reservists will be given the chance to fly with their employer if space allows. Flights are not for family members or friends. The flight is pending approval by higher headquarters and is subject to cancellation for weather or operational reasons.

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Air Force reservists assigned to the 459th Air Refueling Wing will have the opportunity to invite their civilian employers to visit the wing and take an orientation flight aboard a KC-135 aircraft.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 20, and will begin with a light breakfast and welcome by the 459th ARW commander, Col. Stayce Harris.

Reservists should ask their employers to arrive at the Andrews Air Force Base Visitors Center at the main gate by 7:30 a.m.

Reservists and their employers are invited to a continental breakfast at the 756th Air Refueling Squadron, building 3613. The breakfast, which is free, will begin at 8 a.m. Employers will receive a briefing outlining the mission of the 459 ARW.

A KC-135 orientation flight will be scheduled for later that morning. Reservists will be given the chance to fly with their employer only if space allows.

After the flight, employers will be invited to tour their reservists' work area to see the details of their jobs as Citizen Airmen.

Each reservist will be allowed to bring just one supervisor. To make reservations, fill out the application on this page and return it to the Public Affairs office, located in building 3755, room 213, or fax it to (240) 857-3400.

Employers will receive further information with directions and an itinerary in the mail prior to the Employer Day.

For questions or further information, contact 1st Lt. Tim Smith or Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell at (240) 857-6873.

Patriot Award

If you would like to nominate your civilian employer for the Patriot Award for supporting your military career, go to www.esgr.org. After entering the Employer Support for Guard and Reserve Web site, reservists may select the link for 'military members' and then under 'programs' select, 'Patriot Award.' The form takes only a few minutes. The requestor should receive their employer's certificate within a few weeks.

Air Staff officials expand warrior image

"We are a nation at war," Gen. T. Michael Moseley wrote in a letter to all Airmen on Sept. 2, the day he was sworn in as Air Force chief of staff.

As many Airmen are deployed on combat missions in places including Iraq and Afghanistan as well as humanitarian relief efforts in the Gulf Coast region, Airmen assigned to Air Force headquarters will now bear a closer resemblance to those in the field.

Air Staff officials have recently announced the switch to the utility uniform as the uniform of the day. "Wearing our (battle dress uniforms) and flight suits as our duty uniform every day will serve as a constant reminder to us and those who we come in contact with that our job is to support our fellow warriors," said Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, Air Force assistant vice chief of staff. "There is no change of attire required for our civilian members."

The policy states the uniform worn by Airmen assigned to the Pentagon will be the woodland pattern BDU, the new airman battle uniform, or green flight suits.

There are exceptions to the new policy: being a member of an official party, retirement ceremony, change of command ceremony or event where the service dress uniform would be appropriate, General Lichte said.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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2 September 2005

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force,

We are a Nation at war. Today marks the 1,426th day we've been fighting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. World War II lasted 1,347 days. We've now been fighting the Global War on Terror for 2½ months longer than World War II. From the day DESERT STORM kicked off, January 17th 1991, the Air Force has been in continuous combat. For 14 years our enemies have shot at us and for 14 years we've returned the favor. But no matter how long the road, we must never lose our focus on winning this fight.

Today, we are engaged more than ever ... from across the globe to here at home. From taking the fight to the enemy in Iraq; to rebuilding lives in the wake of hurricane Katrina; to controlling satellites on the other side of the world; to fighting forest fires in the Rockies; to patrolling the skies over America – you can be proud of the work your Air Force is doing to protect our country. I'm incredibly proud to be a member of an Air Force family that has over 106,000 Airmen assigned or deployed in 64 countries, on every continent, and in every time zone throughout the world.

We have handled each and every task brought before us with lethal efficiency, because of you. It is an honor to work and fight alongside you in service to our Republic. The 684,000 active, Reserve, Guard, and civilians of the United States Air Force are truly a total force. We stand alongside our Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine brethren ready to answer the Nation's call. We fight together. We triumph together. Our promise to the joint team is that as Airmen we will always be the best in the world at what we do: dominating Air and Space from 1 inch above the ground to 100,000 miles above the earth.

Today, we have three major challenges facing our Air Force. First and foremost is accomplishing the combatant tasks the President and Secretary of Defense assign. The tasks will be ones we've done before and ones we've never undertaken. Second, we must preserve that which makes us the most feared air force in the world – our people. Our culture of excellence must continue to develop Airmen ... Airmen who are the most adaptable, most skilled, most professional, and most lethal the world has ever known. Third, we face the difficult task of operating the oldest inventory in the history of the United States Air Force. My senior leadership will work to break this vicious cycle. I need you, our Airmen on the line, to continue making the mission happen.

As we work towards a more secure, more peaceful tomorrow ... look around. Behind us you'll see a proud, rich heritage. And in front of us is a limitless horizon. So let's push it up, go to work and make the mission happen.

T. MICHAEL MOSELEY
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

FLIGHTLINE

Question: **If you could be anyone or anything for a day who or what would it be?**



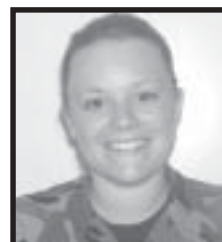
Capt. Shelly Brooks, 459 AMDS "My grandmother. She was a really great person. Someone I admired and looked up to."



Senior Airman Anthony Wallis, 459 AMDS "I would like to be the governor of Penn., so I could create more jobs and lower the unemployment rate."



2nd Lt. LaVonne Johnson, 459 ARW "A mega-million lottery jackpot winner so I could assist my family and others."



Staff Sgt. Claire Brom, 459 ARW "A stay-at-home Mom, but I should probably have kids first."



Tech. Sgt. Andrea Folk, 459 AES "I would be a bird to fly and be free."

HURRICANE KATRINA Relief Efforts

459 ARW Officer's Call

Reserve Officer Association Professional Forum presents Maj. Gen. Nester (Ret.), former ROA president at the Air National Guard Readiness Center, 3500 Fechet Ave., Saturday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. ROA members will elect the new executive committee. Social function to follow. Send the names of your nominees to Maj. Jeri Lahmann at jeri.lahmann@andrews.af.mil.

459th ARW Holiday Party

The Family Support Office invites you and your family to attend a holiday celebration Saturday, Dec. 17, from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. There will be food and fun for all ages. There will also be fun activities for the children and a surprise jolly visitor to hand out gifts. Tickets will be available during the October and November UTA's in the Family Support Office, 3755 Rm 130. A \$1 per person, donation is requested to help defray cost and to get a good count of folks attending. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with the party, please call the Family Support Office at 240-857-7048.

459th extends their family

By Master Sgt. Jennifer Hutcherson
Family Support Office

There is a saying, that tragedy brings people together, and that is just what hurricane Katrina did in this instance. Shortly after the hurricane, the 89th Family Support Center contacted the 459th Family Support Office about helping out at the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

The director of the home was looking for volunteers to help get over 400 displaced members from the Biloxi home settled into the D.C. home. This opened up a great opportunity for the 459 ARW.

After Chaplain Greg Havrilak and I first visited, we were amazed at the size of their complex. They previously housed more than 900 residents and opened their doors to 400 more. We immediately started collecting

items to help out those who relocated with just a small bag and the clothes on their back.

We've since formed a relationship that we would like to continue strengthening through visits and sponsored events with the residents. It was such a great feeling walking in there, having the resident's faces light up and having them say "yeah, the Air Force is here!"

Our next event will be, "Andrews salute to the Veterans," Wed., Nov. 9. A group of us will take refreshments down to the AFRH and spend some time visiting with the veterans.

For more information, or to sign up to help out, please contact Master Sgt. Hutcherson at (240) 857-7048 or Chaplain Havrilak at (240) 857-4586.

First Sergeant Vacancies

459th Security Forces Squadron

The First Sergeant position is available in 459 SFS. If interested, submit a resume reflecting your military and civilian work history, awards, and education. Also include a letter of recommendation from your squadron commander and a letter explaining why you're interested in becoming a first sergeant. Submit packages to Chief Master Sgt. Patti Hickman, 459 ARW Command Chief, by close of business, Oct. 23. The board is projected to convene during the November UTA.

459th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

The First Sergeant position is available in 459 ASTS. If interested, submit a resume reflecting your military and civilian work history, awards, and education. Also include a letter of recommendation from your squadron commander and a letter explaining why you're interested in becoming a first sergeant.

Submit packages to Chief Master Sgt. Patti Hickman, 459 ARW Command Chief, by Thursday, Oct. 20. For questions, call Chief Hickman at (240) 857-2934.

PAY DAYS

Run Date	Check Date
October 4	October 12
October 6	October 14
October 11	October 17
October 13	October 21
October 18	October 26
October 20	October 28
October 24	November 1
October 27	November 4

Military Pay Hours of Operation

Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Oct. 22-23, Alt 15-16
Nov. 19-20, Alt 5-6
Dec. 17-18, Alt 3-4
Jan. 28-29, Alt 7-8
Feb. 25-26, Alt 11-12
March 25-26, Alt 11-12
April 29-30, Alt 8-9
May 13-14, No Alt
June 8-11 ORI Flyaway
June 24-25, No Alt
July 29-30, Alt 15-16
Aug. 26-27, Alt 12-13
Sep 23-24, Alt 9-10

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